



MRS. CLARK'S SECOND GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES class at Elba Elementary School has completed a unit of study entitled "Life Under the Sea". The unit included the major oceans of the world, their locations, their terrain, and the plants and animals that live there. As a culminating activity for the unit, the children created a beautiful wall mural depicting life in the sea.



JINRIGHT HONORED FOR SERVICE...Sergeant 1st Class, Larince Steward, right, of the 100th Engine Detachment, AL National Guard, was honored on September 15, 1996 for outstanding service in his work with "Project Cornerstone 96". Lt. Col. Roy C. Smith of the Alabama National Guard presented SFC Jinright with a medal of honor recognizing his work at Casa Speranza (an orphanage for HIV positive children) in Constanta, Romania from May 20, 1996 to July 28, 1996. Part of SFC Jinright's duties included building projects such as repairs to buildings and constructing new playground equipment.

A letter received from the director of the orphanage, Mardon Mullinax, stated their sincere appreciation to the AL National Guard for the hard work and kindness to the children and staff. An excerpt from Ms. Mullinax's letter reads:

It is not possible to mention the names of all the wonderful men and women that made this miracle possible. There is one man, though, that I would like to specifically point out. SFC Larince Jinright, the "Boss" of the Casa Speranza. He is a wonderful man with a kind heart. He has been an inspiration to every person, American and Romanian, that he led. I am not sure how or why he was chosen to work on the Casa Speranza project, but I do know that I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such a true "Southern Gentleman".

The meritorious ceremony was held at the New Brockton National Guard Armory where SFC Jinright has served for the past 33 years.

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DEBORAH SIMS
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COFFEE COUNTY
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• B.S. degree in Business Administration
• Years of managerial experience
• Office Manager for Home Care Service of Enterprise
• Married to Riley Sims for 9 years
VOTE & ELECT
DEBORAH SIMS
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Pd. Political Adv. by the Committee to elect Deborah Sims, Tyler St. New Brockton, AL 36351

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Elba mayor and city council members work to complete unfinished business

Holley, a full time National Guard recruiter, said he would maintain a recruiting office in the armory.

Copies of a proposed new zoning ordinance and proposed new personnel policies were given to the council members with a request they study them and come back with any desired revisions before the two were officially adopted.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported the police are looking at the street signs and the official police patch. He explained the uniforms would be changed as the old ones wear out and the patch would be one relating, or symbolic, to Elba, rather than the generic patch presently in use.

He added that an audit of the department's equipment was in process, but was not complete.

Whitworth also reported that the emergency pagers purchased last year for people with medical problems or who live alone simply don't work. There is an \$8,000 to \$10,000 cost to repair them. He contacted the company about fixing them or getting refunds. He said that if nothing happens from this request, the problem will be turned over to the city attorney.

Council member Gray asked for a status report on work projects. He said he understood the council had approved

the street signs being donated to the city, according to Councilman Banning. He requested the city furnish the metal posts to erect 25 of these signs (five in each council district). The council agreed, but noted that there are a few more to be done.

Gray said the signs were good but in some areas would only be for show if the police didn't patrol and enforce speed limits everywhere.

Monthly bills totaling \$14,450.55 were made to the county for vehicle repair. This includes \$4,137.69 for vehicle repair, \$1,231.00 for asphalt and \$3,655.55 for election expenses.

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they were not interested in selling off any of that property at this time.

The technology plan will cost the school system an estimated \$380,000 over a two year period. This will be helped by a grant of \$78,000 through the much maligned Goals 2000 program of federal funding.

Included will be new file servers in both school libraries and central offices, upgraded computers in the elementary school network and new, more powerful computers in the high school computer lab. These will also be new, more powerful computers in the school offices, school districts and the central office.

Internet access is being furnished to the school libraries through the cooperation of Covington Electric Co-op.

There are 72 computers net-

worked into the elementary school system. These will be upgraded in three increments, or until all are replaced.

The high school classroom computers will also be replaced in several steps.

It also calls for interfacing overhead projectors with the classroom computers to allow all students equal and sufficient views of what the teacher is showing on the computer screen.

Pearce told board members the school system had received a grant from a "Computer Management Program" by an insurance carrier. The school was approved for 100% replacement cost insurance (one of three in the whole state of Alabama) and will also receive a 71/2% drop in annual premiums, due to the conditions at the facilities including maintenance and fire fighting facilities available.

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old Mulberry School building. Commissioners whole-heartedly approved Commissioner Randy Lunsford's proposal that the county look into the possibility of having county inmates reimburse the county for expenses incurred by them during their stay in the county jail.

County Administrator Hobley being the only one present being done in other Alabama counties.

Wendell Black requested that Pam Collum, area manager with EWS (Environmental Waste Systems), be present at the next meeting of the landfill committee. EWS has the contract for collecting the garbage.

Black stated that several attempts have been made to get Collum to address several complaints concerning rural garbage collection, all without success. He asked that she (Collum) attend the October 28th meeting to review these problems.

If the matter cannot be resolved in committee, Black stated that Collum should appear before the commission.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

***Approved Sheriff Ben Moates

Passed a resolution officially closing the old Coles Bridge right-of-way.

***Took no action on a request by RCD (Resource Conservation & Development) that it's budgeted amount of \$400 be increased to \$500.

Approved use of the outdoor covered arena (one with concrete floor) at the Farm Center by the school bus drivers from New Brockton for an American Cancer Society fundraiser.

The results was as follows:

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Awards received by area folks at the Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting



OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR FOR 1996...Robert English, Damascus Community, was recently honored by the Area V Association of Conservation Districts as the Outstanding Supervisor for 1996. He has served as a supervisor of the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District since 1973. He is pictured above (left) receiving his Outstanding Supervisor Award for 1996 by Area V Vice-President Willie Godwin.



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DJ's Country Corner totally destroyed by suspicious fire

By Marvin McLain, Editor

Shortly after 3:00 a.m., Wednesday morning, October 16, fire departments went on to the business to check it out. They found no live fire but there was a light smoke in the building.

According to Coffey County Sheriff Ben Moates, who also responded to the call, stated firemen were in the building and electricians checked around the area of the water heater trying to locate the cause of the fire.

Firemen returned to their respective stations after it was determined no fire hazard existed at that time.

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Officers Judy and the business was destroyed DJ's Country Corner.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We saw a refreshing TV political commercial Monday evening. It was broadcast sometime around the 10 o'clock news and was a U.S. Representative Terry Everett appeal for re-election. Frankly, we don't know what he was saying or promising but the clip ended with him and his wife, Barbara, walking hand-in-hand toward the camera. In these days of so much political mud slinging, that is very refreshing! Of course we know Barbara as a very quiet person ... and it's never been her raise her voice or even fuss at anyone without first hugging their neck ... and that gave special spark to the TV political ad.

The Atlanta Braves almost didn't make it into the World Series ... they were one game away from going home alone when the team caught fire. Now they are setting fire to the Series, with a strong, decisive 2-0 winning record at this writing. Should they continue this for a couple more games, for years to come experts will be looking into the minds of the players and trying to explain "why" and "how" this happened. Coaches will be studying it also, with a dream of capturing the magic for their respective teams (and careers). Ted Turner ... well ol' Ted will believe he along is responsible and will celebrate by buying another ranch out West and some more buffalo for wife Jane Fonda to ride herd over.

Those of us who are computer users on a regular basis are awed at the rapid pace of newer, better and faster "hardware" hitting the market. Even with that, we were surprised this week to read of a newer, faster processor for our Apple computers. By next spring they will be mass producing a chip which reportedly works at 533 megahertz (whatever that means). It has the space age designation of T-704. To better understand such computer speed, we mention that computers purchased for this newspaper in 1988 operated at something less than 10 megahertz ... and we thought that was fast! Now the question is who can use such speed or what can such speed do for users who still must input data at human speeds with human limitations.

We read in U.S. News about all the drug traffickers and con artists who still find offshore banks by the thousands to filter their ill gotten funds. On one island in the Indian Ocean, there are now 2,500 banks ... up from just three years ago! Many of these operate in small countries which have passed laws promising "no questions asked." As long as there is a dollar to be made, there is someone with enough greed to figure out a way to make and hid it.

We made a picture Monday afternoon at Kinston High High School. Their band, directed by Terry Spader, had received some excellent ratings in Opp last Saturday (as did Elba's band). This bunch from Kinston totals 21 members! Ask them and they will surely say ... quality, not quantity, is what counts. Never argue with success and this bunch is successful.

Elba Mayor James Grimes attended the marching band contest in Opp Saturday, and his children are grown. It goes with the pay check James, but thanks for supporting our students!

There is an election just around the corner ... November 5th, we share the disgust of many readers over the direction campaigning has taken. However, "None of the Above" is not a choice on candidates or the amendments offered. Right now we are working to get our opinions in words and promise to print them next week. That way, you can compare ... or as one (former) friend says ... know how NOT to vote!

Change your clocks (fall back) Saturday night or you will get to church on early and N-o-o-o one wants that to happen!

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 15 Thru OCTOBER 21, 1996

The Elba Police Department, Inc. investigated the following incidents during the week of October 15, 1996:

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Seniors of the Week



Tiger Tales

CARLA GRAY Editor
CHASTITY WILLIAMS Assistant Editor

by Shanta Caldwell & Chastity Williams
Bobby Burke - Is a member of the football team. His goal for this year is to win the state championship. After high school he plans to go to college.
Karyn Whitworth - Is the daughter of Ronnie and Kaye Whitworth. Her hobbies are tap, ballet, pointe dancing, clogging, water skiing, and riding horses. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, Spanish Club, Girl Scout Troop #300, and EHS Drama Club. She has been honor student. Her goals for this year are to maintain good grades and to try to survive Journalism with Mr. Carlile. After school she plans to attend UAB and major in radiology.

Student Spotlight



???QUESTION CORNER???

by Vipul Patel
How do you feel about going to the pole on Tuesday's and Thursday's?
Tawanna Rodgers - Good experience for everyone to unite at school.
Shane Rowe - Good way for a school to come together.
Michelle Lewis - Good way for everyone to get together to worship at school.
Aydine Cumberland - We should do it more often and not add it as a distraction.
Krisia Granahan - It's great, it gives the students a chance to be together.
Elizabeth Stephens - I think that it is

Elba FFA Fruit Sale

The Elba FFA is proud to announce that it is time again to put in your orders for some fresh Indian River Citrus. There is one order per year and the orders taken will be pre-ordered. This means that when you order your fruit, you pay for it then. This pre-order will allow us to get the fruit out to the consumer at a price to keep the price of the fruit at a reasonable rate. This year's price list is as follows:

1/2 lb. box	Winds.
Apples	\$1.00
Navels	\$1.00
Oranges	\$1.00
Tangelos	\$1.00
Hamlin oranges	\$1.00
	\$18.00

Did You Know

As part of the community's 100th anniversary celebration, the town of Wilkinsburg, Pa., decided to open a capsule that had been buried in 1962. At that time, the City Council, to prevent vandals from digging up the capsule, had a special committee to decide where the capsule would be buried. Time passed and all those at the meeting died without telling anyone where the capsule had been buried. The ceremony of the opening of the time capsule was one no one knew where it was.

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Support The Tigers

Bryan Competes At State Fair

by Carla Gray
Emily Bryan traveled to Montgomery, Alabama on Friday October 4, to compete in the annual State Alabama State Fair Show. Emily has shown steers since the age of 4. At the age of 10 Emily won Grand Champion, the highest award that is offered in the state. When Emily was 13 she won Reserve

Grand Champion, the second highest award offered in the state. At the age of 14, Emily once again won Grand Champion. The reward for being Grand Champion is a \$5000.00 cash prize. The award for the Grand Champion is a \$3000.00 cash prize. On October 5, 1996 Emily competed, and although she did not win Grand or Reserve Champion, she was still in the top 10. Emily was disappointed at the end, but came because I worked so hard for so long but I look forward to my next steer show at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan.

Band Contest

by Brittany McCall
On October 19, 1996, the Elba High School "Marching Tiger Band" went to Okemah to compete in "Little Big Horn Band Contest". The band has been working very hard throughout the season and hopes to accomplish their goals by receiving a high score. The band was 3rd in the "Superior" 2, "Excellent", and 3 "Good". Also, on November 9, 1996 the band will travel to the "Big Horn Band Contest" in "Little Big Horn Band". This will be the first time for the Marching Tiger Band to participate in this contest. They are very excited and hope to do well in this contest. I would like to thank the band and Mr. Ellis for the hard work at both of these upcoming contests.

Egg Drop

by Karyn Whitworth
On October 19, 1996, Mr. Ricky Carlile's Algebra 1 class experienced a creative, yet different competition against one another through an activity called the "Egg Drop". These students were also given two requirements of what they were instructed to do by several guidelines. One of the guidelines was that their egg vehicles must have a maximum dimension of 6" x 6" x 5". The egg vehicles were to be five rounds. If the egg broke at any round, the person was disqualified. As the competition continued, each round increased in the size of dropping the egg. The different rounds were: 1st round-2 feet, 2nd round-3 feet, 3rd round-4 feet, 4th round-5 feet, 5th round-6 feet. Many students built a vehicle to hold the egg, so the egg would not break through all the five rounds. They were: Stephanie Williams, Dixonne Flowers, Bradley Bowers, Josie Dawkins, Jep Dabose, Bethany Dye, Brandy Harrison, Vickie Moore, Melissa Mularz, Angie Tilla, Asia Vaughan, Linda Vaughn, and Mark Wicker.

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Youth In Government

by Melissa Benbow
Only while acting out the roles of legislators, will Elba High School students begin to understand the importance of government and why. In 1989 the Alabama YMCA began a program called Youth In Government. Today, Youth In Government includes over 1500 Alabama students and has over 1000 participants across the state. The program, and present day issues it has also taught the students to stand for what they believe in, and better yet, accept others beliefs. In fact, in the last year, 100 students of two programs, Youth Judicial and Youth Legislative. Youth Judicial is a program where students try an actual case in the Alabama Supreme Court and are selected by youth judges. Participants work directly with attorneys to learn the ropes of our judicial system. Youth Legislative is a program where EHS students take over the government. The students are assigned to a committee and are responsible for writing a bill on the topic of their choice and present it to the committee. If it passes, it will be voted on by the entire group.

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa accompanied one of her friends to Toccaloosa last Saturday to watch the Alabama-Ole Miss football game. While she was there, the game was okay and she enjoyed going to the mall before the game. She wasn't really all that excited about the reaction from the Crimson Tide fans every time the Auburn-Florida score was announced. Melissa is an Auburn fan to the bone, and the loud cheers when the scoring updates were announced wasn't what she wanted to hear. I guess the next time she's asked to go to an Auburn game the answer may be different.

ELBA TIGERS "FLAT" TENSED BY GENEVA COUNTY

The Elba Tigers came out flat against the Geneva County Bulldogs Friday night in Hartford and never seemed to have any enthusiasm at all as they were flattened by the 2A Bulldogs 16-0, in what had to be one of the most disappointing performances by an Elba team in many years. The Tigers moved the football at times and might have scored if not for mistakes, but it was obvious from the start that the team was not mentally prepared to play, and the result was the Tigers third straight shut-out loss on the road this season.

The offense had its chances throughout the game, but turned the ball over at the半 of the Geneva County 6-yardline and the Geneva County 32-yardline in the first half, then in the second half turned the ball over on

downs three times within the Geneva County 40. Elba punted only once all night, after its first possession of the game, and moved the ball at times without many problems, but bogged down whenever it crossed the midfield strip. The defense had some good moments, but was unable to stop the season losses to Charles Henderson and Luverne. Elba had successive running the football throughout much of the game as D'Undray Peterson and Bobby Burks combined for 98 yards on 17 carries, an average of over five yards per carry, but it appeared that the Tiger offensive coaches gave up on what had helped the Tigers get their two wins, and returned to the shotgun formation that had only fired blanks every time it had been used. The offense took two giant steps forward in the wins over Headland and Geneva, but took three giant steps backwards last week, and is again a major question.

KINSTON AND NEW BROCKTON GET BIG WINS

The Kinston Bulldogs and New Brockton Gamecocks warmed up for this week's cross-county clash by claiming lopsided wins over what were thought to be solid opponents, while it was more of the same for the Zion Chapel Rebels and Hartville Vikings. Here's a look back at what happened in week 9 of the high school season.

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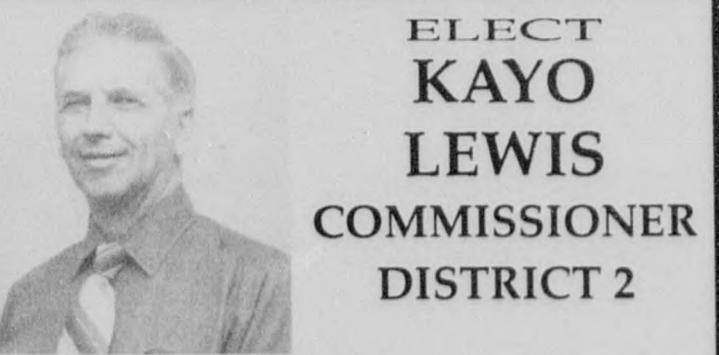
NO WHERE TO HIDE...The Kinston defense dominated from start to finish Friday night and got plenty of help from the offense as the Bulldogs steamrolled past Ariton 56-14 for an important Class 1A, Area 4 win.



A Kinston cheerleader had a reason to be happy Friday night as the Bulldogs pounded Ariton 56-14 to go 1-0 in the Class 1A, Area 4 race.

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Elba Parks & Recreation

RECREATION REPORT

***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now seeking coaches for its "Youth Basketball League." The league will include teams for boys ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, and for girls ages 10 and Under, and 12 and Under. For more information, contact Elba Recreation Director, Rick Mularz at 897-6833.

***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will begin registration for its "Youth Basketball League" on Nov. 14-15. Registration forms will be passed out to all boys and girls at the Elba Elementary School, and to all seventh graders at Elba Middle School. Forms will also be available at City Hall, in Elba, and in Andalusia, in Elba. Registration fees are \$10 per participant, \$15 for two participants in the same family and \$20 for more than two participants in the same family. First-time participants should provide a copy of their birth certificate.

'Dogs dump Ariton 56-14

By John Wiggins, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldog offense rolled up 431 yards and is up the scoreboard early and often Friday night in an impressive 56-14 romp past the Ariton Purple Cats, in Area competition.

The win moved Kinston's record for the season to 3-4, 1-0 in Area competition.

Kinston received the opening kickoff and gave over 50 yards to Jeremy Osborn, who returned the kick 26 yards to the Ariton 45-yardline. After an incomplete pass, Osborn carried for 12 yards to the Purple Cat 33, and on the third play from scrimmage Osborn again got the ball and ran 13 yards to the 20, a touch-down. Osborn added the extra-point and the Bulldogs were ahead 7-0 with 11:16 still left in the first quarter.

The Kinston defense refused to budge on Ariton's first offensive series, and forced a punt. Osborn yielded the ball to the Bulldogs' 49-yardline and rambled to the Purple Cat 36. Kinston kept the ball on the ground on the ensuing drive and covered the distance in five plays, with Jeremy Osborn getting his second score of the stanza on a 17-yard scamper. Osborn's extra-point was again true, and with 7:02 left in the quarter Kinston was on the top 14-0.

The Bulldogs, sparked by a sack by Jim Mock, regained possession on an Ariton punt and marched 52 yards in five plays to back into the endzone.

The touchdown came on a 39-yard pass from Jason Williams to Allen Bowdoin, and Osborn booted the p.a.t. as the Bulldogs lead went to 21-0 with 1:29 still remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston scored again in the third quarter when Jeremy Osborn got his fourth score of the night on a 34-yard jaunt. He added his sixth extra-point, and Kinston's lead was up to 42-7 with 7:34 left in the third quarter.

Kinston went to its reserves for the remainder of the night, and Jeremy Hataway, in the backfield for

the wild first quarter.

Ariton began its next possession at its own 35-yardline and drove 65 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. Quarterback Kevin Sanders called his own numbers and scored from 13 yards out for the Purple Cat score, while Chad Snellgrove added the extra-point to give the Kinston lead to 21-7 with 10:12 left in the second quarter.

Jeremy Osborn returned the ensuing kick 39 yards to the Ariton 45-yardline, and Chancy Lassiter scored on a 13-yard dash to cap a four play scoring march.

Adam Osborn had a 13-yard run and Jason Williams rambled 25 yards on the next play, and Jeremy Osborn kicked on the clock point to push the Bulldog lead to 28-7 with 8:31 remaining in the half.

Ariton drove to the Kinston 21-yardline on its next series, but a third down pass was picked off by Jeremy Osborn at the 15, and the Bulldogs' defense, with driving 85 yards in 14 plays to again make the scoreboard lights flicker.

A 30-yard completion from Jason Williams to Ronnie Sansom and a 24-yard run by Williams were key plays in the long scoring drive, which was capped by Jeremy Osborn and Adam Hawthorne, both made interceptions, while Shawn Moore made a fumble recovery.

Michael Faris led the defense with 8 tackles and 5 assists, while Jim Mock added 5 solo stops, 3 assists and one sack and David Wise chipped in with 3 stops and 4 tackles. Jeremy Osborn and Adam Hawthorne, both made interceptions, while Shawn Moore made a fumble recovery.

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the wild first quarter, and getting the touchdown on a 5-yard scamper. Cormier added the extra-point, putting the Brockton lead to 29-14.

Wicksburg again answered the Gamecock score and this time marched 75 yards in six plays to pull within 29-20 with 1:08 left in the top 7-0.

The Gamecocks recovered an on-sides kick attempt by Wicksburg on the ensuing kickoff, and put the game out of reach on the very next play as Jerry Haynes broke loose and rambled 50 yards in 3:00 left in the third quarter.

The Gamecocks maintained control with a 22-7 advantage.

Wicksburg was down, but refused to quit, and needed only four plays to get back in the game, as the Panthers covered 75 yards in four plays to chop the deficit to 22-14 with 1:59 still left in the third quarter.

Neither team could put points on the scoreboard on their next two offensive series; however, the Gamecocks did get into the endzone mid-way through the fourth quarter, and set the stage for a wild finish.

The Gamecock touchdown drive covered 51 yards in four plays, with Jerry Haynes gaining 46 yards in 8 plays to stretch its lead to 14-0!

Lee Flowers got the call on the first five plays of the drive and ripped off 58 yards in 10 plays to cut the deficit to 14-7 with 8:38 remaining in the half.

The Panthers threatened again late in the stanza and drove 58 yards in 10 plays to the clock reach 300 with New Brockton still on top by the score of 14-7.

New Brockton kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a Panther punt and three plays later were in the endzone.

Jason Allums gained 20 yards on two carries to spark the short scoring drive, and Lee Flowers capped the drive with a 22-yard touchdown dash.

Sebastian Cormier booted the extra-point, and with 7:13 left in the first quarter New Brockton was on top 7-0.

Wicksburg used a strong running game to drive 65 yards in 10 plays on its next series, and again had to rely on a punt to march the visiting Gamecocks, only to see the New Brockton defense answer the challenge and force a fumble to turn back the threat.

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KINSTON BAND WINS BIG The Kinston High School Marching Pride band recently attended the Little Big Horn Marching Contest in Opp. The band scored excellent and Superior ratings in Class A. In addition to the 19 members pictured above, Michelle Pierce and Lee McInnis are not shown. Director is Mr. Terry Spader.

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Centoria C. Wright has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Milton, FL.

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She is the daughter of Willie Wright of Elba, AL, and Cindy P. Hudgins of Milton, FL.

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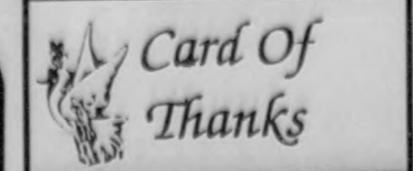
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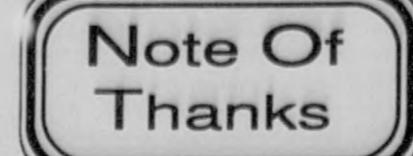
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We thank you with grateful appreciation for the acts of love and kindness shown to us during the death of our father.

THE DOUGLAS A. GIBBS FAMILY

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William Allen Mars Charged with two counts of receiving stolen property in the first degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Christopher Nelson Alias Chris Nelson Charged with rape in the first degree. Tried and convicted of sexual abuse in the first degree. Sentence pending.

State of Alabama vs.

Rudolph Kyles Charged of assault the second degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Dennis Harper, Jr. Charged with rape in the first degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Willie James Daniels Charged with rape in the first degree and assault in the first degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Robert M. McDonald Charged with sexual abuse in the first and second degree. Plead guilty. Sentenced to 1 year in the county jail.

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on the 2nd degree charge and 10 years in the penitentiary on the 1st degree charge.

State of Alabama vs.

Michelle Daugherty Charged with theft of property in the second degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Robert Michael Aceman Charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Shelly Cunningham Charge of a felony DUI. Failed to appear. Warrants issued.

State of Alabama vs.

Adam Davis Charged with murder. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Steve Maywood Charged with theft of property in the first degree. Plead guilty. Sentenced to 1 year suspended with 3 years supervised probation. Order to pay restitution, court costs and contribute to the ACVCC.

State of Alabama vs.

Anthony Charles Rivers Charged with burglary in the first degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Dawn Jones Charged with theft of property in the second degree. Plead guilty. Sentenced to 2 years suspended with 3 years supervised probation. Ordered to pay restitution, court costs and contribute to the ACVCC.

State of Alabama vs.

Willie Paul Mitchell Charged with one count of burglary in the second degree, five counts of criminal theft of property in the first degree and five counts of breaking and entering an automobile. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Terry Wayne Maddox Charged with rape in the second degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

William N. Overstreet, Jr. Charged with one count of escape in the second degree and one count of theft of property in the first degree. Plead guilty. Sentenced to 15 years for escape and 20 years for attempted theft of property. Ordered to pay restitution, court costs and contribute to the ACVCC.

State of Alabama vs.

Eric Cade Nelson Charged with two counts of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree. Granted youthful offender status.

State of Alabama vs.

Charly Timm Charged with one count of harassing communication. Case nolle prosequi.

Michael Lashawn Duncan Charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree. Case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs.

Brittney Coister, Mitch Downing, La-

kin Hall, Thomas Harls, Aarni Hollis,

Brandon Pynes, Garrett Roberts,

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"A" HONOR ROLL**Second Grade**

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Third Grade

Bryan Fales, Nikki Marker, Zack Reynolds, John Sawyer, Kayleigh Watson, Rachael Andrews, Clinton Barley, Ashley Taylor, Taylor Davis, Emily Haskins, Steven Case, Tami Terrell, Chelsea Wood, Justin Allums, Chad Anderson, Anna Bryant, Whitney Mack, Bradley Nichols, Katie Richardson, Kyle Worsman.

Fourth Grade

Matthew Fales, Nikki Marker, Zack Reynolds, John Sawyer, Kayleigh Watson, Rachael Andrews, Clinton Barley, Ashley Taylor, Taylor Davis, Emily Haskins, Steven Case, Tami Terrell, Chelsea Wood, Justin Allums, Chad Anderson, Anna Bryant, Whitney Mack, Bradley Nichols, Katie Richardson, Kyle Worsman.

Fifth Grade

Brian Taylor, Tommy Adkinson, Andrew Hardiman, Alicia Howell, Chammon Stuckey, Joshua White, Jessica Ogburn, Bryan Allums, Jennifer Andrews, Heather Carroll, Amanda Estrada, Layton Griffin, Tyler Simmons.

Sixth Grade

Matthew Gorum, Daniel Hernandez, Melanie McGlothen, Debra Moore, Joseph Sawyer, Anthony Sullivan.

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Third Grade

Eric Bandy, Tasha Bond, Jessica Bryant, Russell Burwell, Michael Carroll, Jessica Taylor, Sherry Haskins, Lauren Holloway, Samantha Merritt, Georgia Smith, Lindsay Tillery, Delores (Williams) Bell, William Bond, Ted Eubanks, Amber Foy, Brian Keeler, Sarah Speigner, Tal Adams, Heath David, Leahy Flowers, Dossan Harris, Joshua Howell, Lawanda McRae, Stephanie Phillips, James Streeter, Mark Windham, Natasha Wood.

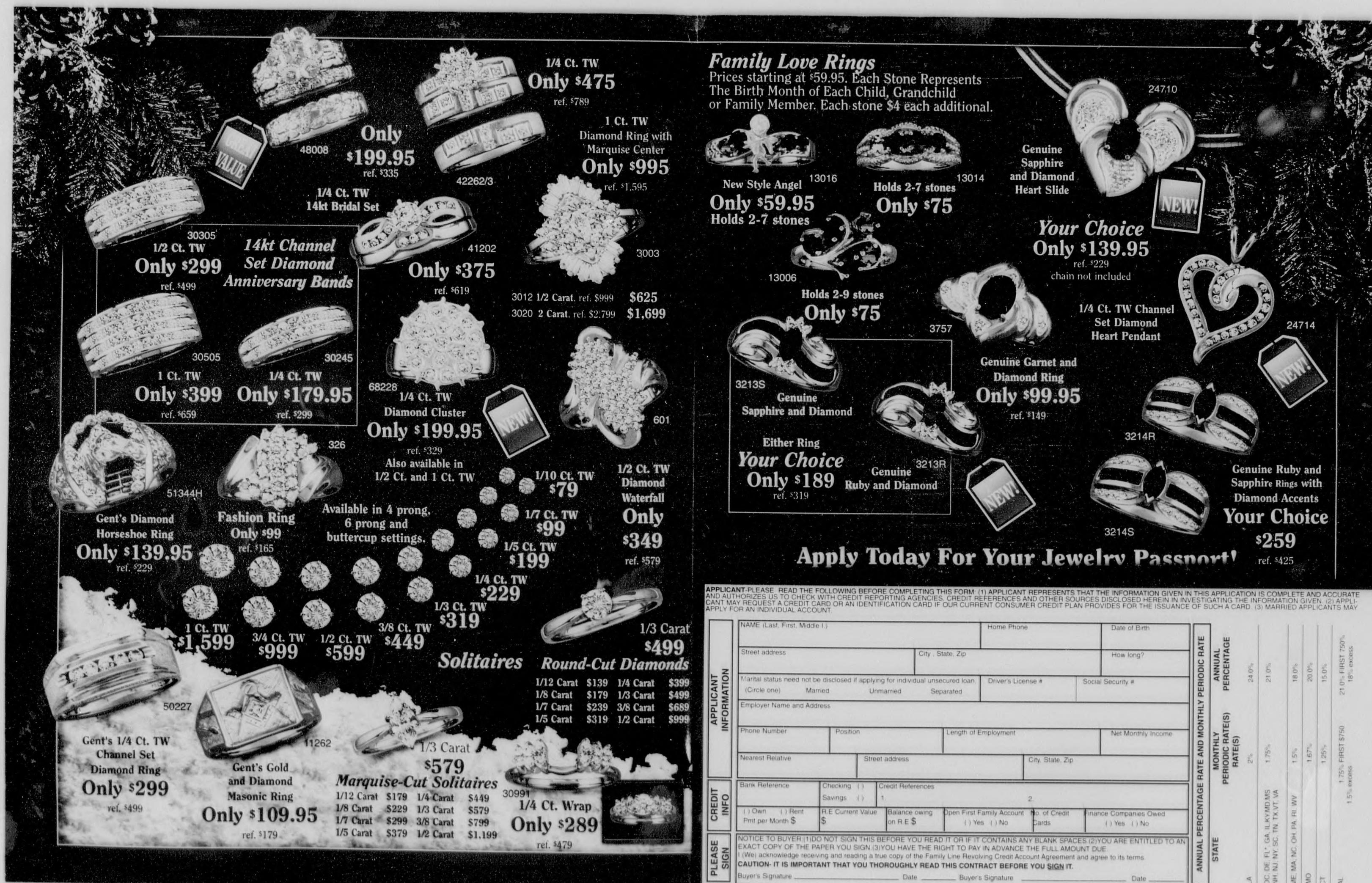
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Elba City Council's meeting routine

By Ferlin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting was over Monday evening in less than one hour. Business covered included board appointments, addressing two ordinances, declaring an additional liability for employees, changing the date of the next council meeting, agreeing to sell some surplus property, and approving a motion on the All Star Sports matter.

Lloyd Driggers was appointed to a two year term on the FEMA E-911 board. Mayor James Grimes announced the re-appointment of Wilson Dyess to the Elba Housing Authority.

The council approved an indefinite extension to the one cent sales tax passed in 1994. The tax will continue to be divided with the Elba School System.

School Superintendent Charles Pearce was present and responded to questions about the benefits the school derives from the tax.

He noted a \$20,000 in state funding from the last tax and said, "Without the (city) funds we couldn't make our budget at all." He added that the schools were in decent financial shape now, but without the extra help, the teacher units funded by the sales tax would definitely be in trouble. The school board's portion of the tax is expected to come in at about \$120,000 a year.

An ordinance prohibiting the connecting of any utilities to any facility without the proper building permits, etc. was introduced. It will be considered at the next regular meeting.

City employees got an extra holiday after council members voted to declare the Friday after Thanksgiving as a city holiday. Grimes said it would give employees more time

with their families.

The long lingering issue of All Star Sports was again on the agenda. Fred Smith, Jr. said he didn't ask to be considered again, but accepted an offer to address the council.

Smith gave council members and the press copies of an agreement he said had been presented to the city attorney and given to him by Mayor Ist.

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DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT...The month of October has been proclaimed as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. During the month, the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities joined the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and other state agencies and organizations working together with disabilities in honoring Alabama citizens with disabilities for their achievements in becoming recognized for their contribution by providing employment opportunities for workers with disabilities. Pictured above (l-r) are: Larry Eddins, supervisor with the Elba Utility Department; James Grimes, Mayor of Elba; Debbie Hope, Wigrass Rehabilitation Center, Inc.; Teresa Holmes and Kim Miller, both with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

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Present county commission holds final meeting

By Marvin McLain, Editor

The present members of the Coffee County Commission held their final meeting (bearing a special called meeting) Monday morning.

As has been the case for several meetings, commissioners moved quickly to get the business done, spending mostly routine business.

The awarding of the bid for mulch, carried over from the prior meeting, was the first order of business.

Jen-Hill Construction Company of Hendersonville, TN will be supplied surplus and will be sold by sealed bids to the highest bidder.

Citrus employees got an extra holiday after council members voted to declare the Friday after Thanksgiving as a city holiday. Grimes said it would give employees more time

serving with these commissioners. They've all represented their districts well.

Faulk noted that the county and the citizens of their community at heart.

He said that he would miss them all but would especially miss Commissioner Faust since he had served with him longer.

The other good news for the sheriff's department was the receipt of a \$4,600 Church-Arson Grant from the U.S. Justice Department.

According to the sheriff, these funds, along with matching funds from the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Office, will be used to purchase a new repeater (used in radio communications) to replace the present out-dated one.

Recent burning of churches has prompted the Justice Department to make funds available for repairing or replacing in the event of a fire.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a re-conditioned patrol car with a police package for the sheriff's department.

Coffee County Sheriff Bill Moates reviewed the bids received and recommended the purchase of a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice for \$16,000 to be used in Lexington, KY.

The car, which has 64,000 miles on it, was purchased for \$11,600 and will be delivered in about two weeks.

The commission had budgeted \$42,000 for additional vehicles for the sheriff's department. The sheriff

commented, "I appreciated

the contributions that has been made is the fact that the county has come fully under the unit system in the highway department.

Other matters of business addressed by the commission was as follows:

***Approved a change order pertaining to the window-replacement project at the Elba Courthouse. The order called for the installation of solar screens on the windows and some additional aluminum flashing at an estimated cost of \$1,561.00.

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Adam Cecil Davis arraigned on murder charge

by Marvin McLain, Editor

On Tuesday, October 22, Adam Cecil Davis, age 18, of Opp, AL was arraigned on the charge of murder.

Davis was charged with the murder of Amber Spinks in connection with an automobile accident on June 31, 1995.

On October 8, Davis' petition for youthful offender status was denied. Youthful offender status is available to individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 who have been charged with a felony or certain misdemeanors. Punishment for the crime is no more than 10 years.

Each petition is granted, or not granted, on a case-by-case basis by the court after consideration of the nature of the crime, the individual's record, the interest of the public and the interest of the individual, in addition to the probation officer's report, and the testimony given during a hearing.

Should Davis be convicted on the murder charge, he faces from ten years to life in prison. No trial date has been set at this time.

Christmas Festival set for Nov. 30

The time has come for preparation of Elba's ninth annual Christmas Festival Parade. The parade is planned to be the biggest and best ever. Everyone is invited to join in and really make this "A Magical Christmas" for all.

The theme this year is "A Magical Christmas", and organizers plan to do this by decorating the town square with thousands of lights. All interested citizens are asked to help in this undertaking.

The Christmas Festival will be held on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The town square will become the center of the town with thousands of lights. Santa Claus and his helpers will be on hand to greet the public.

For the children there will be supervised activities in the library, as well as fun things to do around the square. The Senior Girl Scout Troop will be coordinating and supervising the activities. Santa Claus will also be available for pictures with the children. Young children will be able to help the children with the "A Magical Christmas" for all.

The floats and marching units of the parade will line up at the old football stadium and high school parking lot. They will then proceed along the following route: Dixon Street to the Troy Highway; then south on the Troy Highway by Cook Chevrolet to Claxton Avenue; south on Claxton by Hardee's and The People's Bank; left on Boardwalk; Court Street to Davis Street; left on Factory Avenue by Skinner's and City Hall to Collier Street; right on Collier Street by SouthTrust Bank to Carnley Street; right on Carnley Street to Newton Street; right on Newton Street and back to the staging area.

Organizations are encouraged to participate in the entry and join the fun. For more information about the parade call Lisa Johnson at 897-5549.

Last, but certainly not least, will be a concert in Miller Memorial Stadium by the very popular band, Young Country. The concert will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will cost \$5.00.

It is easy to see that a fun-filled, jam-packed day is planned for November 30. Everyone is invited to participate in "A Magical Christmas" in Elba.

Part of the magic of Christmas is sharing with others. In keeping with that belief, the first float in the parade will be a community float for the "A Magical Christmas". Each person planning to watch the parade is asked to bring some item (food, toys, clothing, etc.) to place on the float as it passes by. The items collected will be given to those who are less fortunate in our community to help them continue the "A Magical Christmas" spirit.

Throughout the day, free entertainment is planned from singing and dancing to comedians and even a hand-bell choir. Some of the talents

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